

FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning business assistance programs.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Kauffman and Kastama).

Senate Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Innovation
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Trade
House Committee on Ways & Means

Background: Washington has a number of programs that provide technical assistance to businesses. Every county in the state has an Associate Development Organization that receives funds through the Department of Commerce (department) to provide business assistance and support for regional economic research and regional planning efforts. The Washington Small Business Development Center (SBDC) provides assistance, training, and support services to small businesses and entrepreneurs at 24 locations. The Washington State Microenterprise Association is a non-profit organization that provides support to Microenterprise Development Organizations.

Summary: Subject to appropriation, the department and the SBDC are to jointly prepare an actionable plan for increased access to capital and technical assistance beginning with the 2011-13 biennium. They may consult with the Washington Microenterprise Association in developing the plan. The required elements of the plan are set out. The plan is to be presented by December 1, 2010, to the Governor and appropriate legislative committees.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	45	1	
House	61	36	(House amended)
Senate	44	4	(Senate concurred)

Effective: June 10, 2010

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